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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Fair, continued warm. Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho—Probably fair and continued warm.

THE REAL THAW.

It is evident from the trend of developments to date, that Harry Thaw is no sort of a hero. He is of the commonest and poorest clay imaginable. Before he shall have gone through the ordeal awaiting him, the last and least of his weaknesses, and the rotten score of their indulgence, will be in the mouths and ears of mankind, to his utter damnation and that of his kind.

ELIMINATION.

The bill-posters of Chicago have determined to "eliminate" the devil from the advertising matter of the future, on the score of the pernicious effect his "Satanic majesty" has on the public mind; the inspiration to do something "devilish," as it were. So far, so good. But we beg to offer a suggestion, in kind, that may have even a farther reaching effect in minimizing the tendency to evil thought and action.

LAW VERSUS THE LAW.

The railroad attorneys of the country are going into almost immediate conference upon the amendments to the Interstate Commerce law, recently enacted by Congress. They do not intend to suffer the imposition of restrictive law if there is any prescriptive law to prevent it.

THAT FRENCH DUEL.

The restoration of Dreyfus to the post of a brigadier-general in the army of France has evoked another duel. The French duel has been a standing joke in this country for years, but this latest expression of the code, was really serious; there was blood actually drawn; wounds inflicted and life put in peril.

NOT ABOVE LEARNING.

The United States government has detailed two army officers to travel for a month with one of the largest circuses in the country. It is not an infrequent occurrence for officers to be detailed to schools and colleges, in order to give instruction in military tactics. This time the object is not to teach but to learn.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Did you ever notice that "talk" doesn't hurt a man much? Perfection isn't looked for in man, and when some one tries to injure a man by ranting about a few faults he has, the absent one, who is probably attending to his own affairs, is elevated in the hearer's estimation, while the informant is lowered accordingly.

The postmaster-general has submitted to the post-office committee of the Senate and House a bill for the issuing of postal notes of denominations from 1 to 9 cents, inclusive, without fee, and of postal notes of the denominations of 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90; \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50.

Several years before Mr. Lincoln received his nomination for the Presidency he received a letter of inquiry from the east concerning the financial standing of a gentleman in his own town, and his reply was: "Dear Sir: I know Mr. H— and his standing. He has a wife and baby that I think a fair valuation of might be \$50,000. There is a table in his office that I believe to be worth a dollar and a half, and there are three chairs worth about a dollar, and there is a rat-hole in the corner that would bear looking into."

There will be fifty-three Sundays in this year, an occurrence that will not happen again for 110 years. This extra Sunday can be utilized in attending church, calling on your best girl, reading scripture, playing with the children, breaking a two-year-old colt, sporting gophers or some other way.

Deposits of clay have been discovered in Monterey county, California, from which can be manufactured an absolutely fireproof brick. Houses built of this material can not catch fire from the outside and flames inside are quenched by a vapor that rises from the brick when heat is applied to it.

flame from a gasoline torch is directed against it. If these bricks prove satisfactory, the building of fireproof structures will be revolutionized.

A queer case is on trial in the circuit court in Galesburg, Ill., wherein George W. Dunbar sues C. H. Moon and Endelman for \$5000 damages. Dunbar asserts that a week ago while he was driving across a bridge near Henderson, his horse became frightened at some posters which had been nailed to the bridge post and becoming unpastened, were flapping in the wind.

There are said to be at least fully a quarter of a million of American people settled in the Canadian West, and it is estimated that nearly 100,000 more will go there before the close of the present summer. This influx of Americans is particularly welcome to the Canadians, especially as they go there with full pocketbooks.

Importance of fobbies.

For the well being and stable balance of every mind it is normally necessary that every man should have some pursuit which shall be unconnected with his business, which he must pursue with absolute seriousness. The hobby may be a game, it may be a collection of some sort (even stamps) or it may be some artistic achievement, and whether a man scarcely attains mediocrity even in it matters not at all, provided he pursues it with the fixed idea that nothing else in the world matters.—London Queen.

Tree Snakes of Borneo.

The flying frogs of the Malays appear to be mythical, but the tree snakes of Borneo are credited with taking flying leaps from the boughs of trees to the ground. It is found that scales on the lower part of the body may be drawn inward so that the whole lower surface becomes concave. The resistance to the air is thus greatly increased and experiments indicate that the snakes do not fall in writhing coils, but are let down gently in a direct line by the parachute-like action of their peculiar bodies.

The Cravat.

The cravat was once the name of a great military nation, the Croats, or Cravates, of the Balkans. It was their fashion to wrap large shawls or pieces of cloth around their necks and shoulders. About the middle of the reign of Louis XIV, he uniformed several regiments in the Croat fashion, with huge shawls about their necks. The fashion took, and the shawl diminished in size to the slight strip of cloth we still have with us.

Hearsay Evidence.

"See here, Jokeley, I'm surprised to find you writing such bitter, cynical things about married life." "Well—er—Benedict, you see, the fact is—er—" "Oh, don't apologize. It isn't that. What surprises me is how, not being married, you know all these things."—Boston Transcript.

Friends.

"If a man is friendless it is his own fault." "That's right. Why, there are fine fellows standing on every corner who would gladly borrow money from him."—Pittsburg Post.

ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ASTORIA

Astoria's New and Modern HOTEL!

Mr. Astoria Man: Did you ever figure how many thousand capitalists visit the Pacific Coast without coming to Astoria?

WHY?

If only 100 investors came to Astoria during each year and only one or two of them invested, would we all be benefitted?

YOU BET!

Would it injure the restaurants and lodging houses now here if the tourists who now stay away would come to Astoria?

NOT MUCH!

We cannot have a hotel in front of every lot.

But every lot will be benefitted by a FINE HOTEL.

Have you the nerve to invite your influential friends to visit Astoria now? Where will they stop in Astoria?

Opportunity knocks but once—other knockers please copy.

You can't go ahead by sitting still. Respectfully,

THE NEW HOTEL COMMITTEE.

Opportunity is like a fast moving train—you must get aboard quickly or your chance is lost."

EILERS PIANO HOUSE

Makes a Special Statement to the Fishing Interests of this Community

Table listing piano prices: A \$500 piano for \$296, A \$450 piano for \$265, A \$400 piano for \$237, A \$350 piano for \$218.

\$6, \$7 and \$8 a Month.

If There is a Piano in the Stock of Twenty-Odd Pianos That You Want, Select it Now and Make Your Payment Oct. 1--\$7.00 a Month Gets a Standard Instrument--See us Monday.

We understand as well as anybody, the people engaged in the fishing business look to the July "run" for their big money. This "run" never fails, but simply varies in its date—merchants, bankers, and canners all know this law.

We would have liked to have brought to Astoria our fine stock of pianos in September, in which case there could be no possible reason for our not doing a big business with the people engaged in the fishing interests, but we couldn't possibly arrange for September, for we have planned to be in Eastern Oregon immediately after the wheat harvests.

But we are here with the pianos—one car arrived yesterday, and tomorrow brings in the other one. These instruments, every one of them, the very latest and newest style, were intended for our fall trade in Portland, but they can't be used there as our store is closed till November 1st.

The pianos we ask that you look at, include the Weber, the Kimball, Crown, Weser, Haddorf, Story and Clark, Bailey and Schumann—any one of them a lasting delight in any man's family.

And the prices are right; our being without a home in Portland, makes it necessary to cut prices to wholesale and especially so at this time, for we know you'll say "Wait thirty days to see how the 'run' comes out.

But we'll wait for the run"—take the piano now and pay us something the first of October.

Monday morning we open for business.

Ten days will be enough time to sell every piano, for the prices are right and the pianos are the best.

Will meet you evenings, if you but let us know. Phone Black 2183.

Eilers Piano House

WHOLESALE PIANOS TO THE RETAIL TRADE TILL NOVEMBER 1ST.

Commercial St., Opposite Sherman Transfer Co.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE Prevents Bright's Disease and Diabetes